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ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

for

1940

W.C.D.WALMSLEY
Medical Officer of Health

H.L.SNOWDEN
Chief Sanitary Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1940

To the
Chairman and Members of the Farnborough Urban District Council,

Madam and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, an Annual Report on the lines usually prepared has not been attempted. Most of the written figures and statistics have been left out and only matters of general interest included.

In February 1940 Dr. W. C. D. Walmsley succeeded Dr. E. Croft Watts as Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. W.G. Howe, clerk assistant, was called to the colours in August 1940 and is serving with the Royal Navy.

Section A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The area of the District is 4,310.8 acres.

Population:-

i	Census, 1931 - North and South Wards (Farnborough area at time of Census)	16,356
ii	Estimated by Registrar General to middle of 1940 (excluding military)	15,690
	Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940) according to Rate Books (whole area)	4,109
	Reduced Rateable Value as stated in Valuation List at 31/12/40 (whole area)	£135,777
	Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£665. 8. 4..

VITAL STATISTICS

i	Live Births	Total	M.	F
	Legitimate	258	114	144
	Illegitimate	9	6	3

Birth rate (per thousand of the population) - 17.03

ii Still births

Legitimate	9	5	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Still Birth Rate

per 1,000 total, (live and still) births: - 33.71

iii Deaths 217 109 108

Death Rate (per thousand of the population) - 13.83

Deaths from Puerperal causes:-

Rate per 1,000
total (live &
still) births.

Deaths
1,000

- a) Puerperal sepsis Nil Nil
b) other Puerperal causes Nil Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births:-

All Infants	..	..	..	37.45
Legitimate	..	..	..	37.45
Illegitimate	..	..	..	Nil

Causes of Death in 1940

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	27
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Measles	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 yrs of age)	1

The other certified causes of death were as follows:-

Section B.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Public Health Staff.

The Public Health Staff consists of:-

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. W.C.D.WALMSLEY, M.B. Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Superintendent
of Public Cleansing (whole time)

H.L. SNOWDEN

Certificate, Sanitary Inspector's Examination Board.
Certified Meat and Food Inspector (Royal Sanitary Inst.)
Certified Smoke Inspector (Royal Sanitary Institute).
Diploma, Advanced Hygiene (Institute of Hygiene)
Finalist (City and Guilds of London Institute).

Additional Sanitary Inspector (whole time)

R.H. HEBBORN

Certificate, Sanitary Inspector's Examination Board
Certified Meat and Food Inspector (Royal Sanitary
Institute).

Clerk and Assistant

W.G. HOWE (to August 1940)

Clerks

Miss M.H. SAVILL

P.G. GOODMAN

AMBULANCE SERVICE

During the year the following additional duties were added
to the Ambulance Service:-

1. Removal of cases of Infectious illnesses from the Fleet Urban District to the Isolation Hospital.

2. Removal of cases of Tuberculosis to sanatorium on behalf of the County Council from the districts of Aldershot, Farnborough, Fleet and Hartley Wintney.
3. General ambulance work on behalf of the Fleet General Hospital.

The following table gives details of the work carried out by this service during the year:-

Ambulance No. 1 (Infectious Diseases)

Cases of Infectious Disease removed
to Hospital:-

Aldershot Borough Council	45
Frimley & Camberley U.D.C.	16
Fleet Urban District Council	8
Farnborough Urban Dist. Council	36
Hartley Wintney R.D.C.	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>107</u>

Mileage travelled - 2781.9

In addition, 30 bodies were removed to the mortuary and 43 consignments of bedding transported to the disinfecter and returned.

Ambulance No. 2

Cases of General Sickness removed
to hospital or other places.

Accident cases	<u>48</u>
Total	<u>273</u>

Mileage travelled - 4102

Laboratory Facilities

Nursing in the Home

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Hospitals

There was no change in these services during 1940

Section C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(a) Water

Samples were taken from the public water supply at intervals during the year. Samples of the same supply are also taken by the Urban District Council of Frimley and Camberley and results of the examinations are supplied to both Authorities. Two samples showed a hardness in excess of the statutory figure of 12 degrees.

(b) Drainage and Sewerage - as in 1939

(c) Rivers and Streams - "

(d) Closet Accommodations - "

(e) Public Cleansing and Salvage

Following the outbreak of war and the resultant increasing demand for raw materials, local authorities were instructed to carry out or intensify salvage work in their areas. A scheme had been in operation in this District since 1938 and we were in a favourable position to intensify and extend the work. The results have been good as the following table will indicate:

SALVAGE STATEMENT FOR 1940

	<u>Amount Salvaged</u>	<u>Money Received</u>
Waste Paper	207 tons 2 cwts. 2 Qrs.	£791.10. 0
Rags and Baggings	16 tons 7 cwts.	86. 1. 9
Bones	5 tons 11 cwts. 1 Qr.	28.19. 9
Bottles	419 gross, 4 dozen	73.18.11
Jars	170 gross, 8 dozen	26.16. 6
Kitchen Waste	110 tons 19 cwts .2 Qrs.	138. 8. 6
Non-Ferrous Metals	2 tons 15 cwts .3 Qrs.	61.15. 0
Ferrous Metals	56 tons 19 cwts .1 Qr.	83.13. 0
Other	6 tons 10 cwts .2 Qrs.	7.15. 6
		<u>1,298.18.11</u>

(f) Refuse Collection

The extended occupation of premises as military billets increased the work of refuse collection and the old S.D. freighter which was intended as a reserve vehicle had to be brought into use.

(g) Sanitary Inspection of the Area

This work was continued during the year.

Section D

HOUSING

There was a constant demand for housing accommodation during the year, resulting in a waiting list of 80 for council houses at the end of the year.

Owing to the shortage of the larger type of working class house, it has not been possible to abate overcrowding in several cases. These houses are occupied by large families who were overcrowded on the "Appointed Day" or have since become overcrowded by reason of the increase in the size of the family.

Work on the inspection and repair of dwelling houses continued during the year so far as circumstances have made this possible.

Section E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Sampling of Milk

During the year 13 samples were submitted for Bacteriological examination. Twelve of these were found to be satisfactory, one unsatisfactory and in this case, the necessary action was taken.

Sterility Test

Two milk bottles and one cream carton were obtained and submitted for a sterility test. The results in each case were satisfactory.

(b) Meat and Other Foods

There are two slaughterhouses in the district under the control of the Ministry of Food. A regular system of meat inspection is observed, the visits for this purpose numbering 377. The inspection of carcases has been carried out as recommended by memo 62 (foods). Vehicles carrying meat have also been kept under observation and complaints made to the appropriate authorities in this direction resulted in the necessary improvements being affected.

From time to time it is necessary to submit morbid specimens of meat for microscopical or other examination. Three such samples were submitted for examination during 1940.

Slaughtering is carried out in Farnborough for the adjoining districts and as a result of the increased work involved, the Sanitary Inspector of the Fleet U.D.C., (Mr. G.H. Longhurst) assisted in the inspection one day each week. This arrangement continued until the appointment of a second additional sanitary inspector in February 1941.

Periodical visits have been made to other food shops and any irregularities noted have been rectified.

MEAT INSPECTION

Bullocks	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	
1351	636	364	3423	223	Number inspected
1418	640	494	6119	235	Number killed (where known)
-	-	-	8	-	ALL DISEASES EXCEPT <u>TUBERCULOSIS</u> i.Whole carcasses condemned
212	118	2	101	10	ii Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.
15.7%	18.6%	.5%	2.9%	4.5%	iii Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis
8	29	-	-	1	TUBERCULOSIS ONLY i.Whole carcasses condemned
198	263	1	1	13	ii.Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.
13.9%	41.4%	.3%	-	5.8%	iii.Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.

Section F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

The incidence of Infectious Diseases remained low and there were no epidemics.

During the year 23 children were immunised against Diphtheria, making a total of 1,206 children immunised since the scheme first came into operation.

We remain,

Your obedient Servants,

W.C.D.WALMSLEY

Medical Officer of Health

H.L.SNOWDEN

Chief Sanitary Inspector

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